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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

Arrivals.

June 24, H.L.C. M. gun-boat, PENG-CHAO-HOI, 500 Capt. Palmer, from Canton June 24th.

Departures.

June 23, MENELIA, str., for Singapore. June 23, PENELIA, str., for Saigon. June 24, E. CUSHING, for Ningpo. June 24, VIP VALENTIN, for Sumbaya. June 24, GLENARTNEY, str., for Amoy. June 24, ADENAS, str., for Yokohama. June 24, MARIBAS, str., for Shanghai. June 24, ELIZA HUNTING, str., for Hiogo. June 24, OCEAN MAIL, for Singapore. June 24, ADELINA, for Rajah. June 24, ALBERTA, for Foochow. June 24, ALBERTA ATOGATA, for Swatow. June 24, EVENING STAR, for Saigon.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, JUNE 24TH.

Yol-tung, str., for Swatow.
Penelia, str., for Saigon.
Ban Yong Seng, str., for Saigon.
Zenobia, for Foochow.
Elizabeth Cushing, for Hiogo.
Una, for Manila.
Granada, for Foochow.
Mary Blair, for Foochow.
Merce Capes, for Macao.
General des Stuvera, for Java.
Insider, for Saigon.
China, str., for Shanghai.
Glenartney, str., for Amoy.

Reports.

The Chinese gun-boat *Sui Tsing* reports left Canton on 22nd June, passed through this harbour same day with a war junk in tow, en route to Kowloon and arrived here back again on the same evening.

The British steamer *Sea Gull* reports left Hiogo, on 15th June; on the 19th, spoke the British ship *Letham*, from Hiogo to Hongkong, in lat. 27° 55' N. long. 125° 10' E. 9 days out; had strong S.W. winds the first part, and latter part moderate to arrival.

The British steamer *China* reports left Bombay on 3rd June, sailed on the 9th, Penang on the 14th, and Singapore on the 17th at 7 a.m.; had fine S.W. monsoon and weather throughout.

The British steamer *Penella* reports left Shanghai on 17th at 7 p.m.; had strong S.W. monsoon throughout to arrival on the 23rd at 5 p.m.

The Chinese corvette *Wan-ni-ting* reports left Foochow on 20th June, had south winds and S.W. monsoon throughout.

The French bark *Gustave* reports left Bangkok on 29th May, had Easterly wind till Saigon, then the north to arrival Southerly winds and fine weather.

H. M. transport *Adventure* reports left Madras on 22nd May, and Singapore on 18th June; had fine weather and S.W. monsoon to arrival. The *Benefactor*, from New York, was spoken on the 20th June, in lat. 143° N. long. 113° 32' E.; wished to be reported.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Corrected to Date.)

Vessel's Name. From. Date.

Lebanon. London. Jan. 3

Hermon. Liverpool. Jan. 6

Jesse Isabel. London. Jun. 26

Hylton Castle. Sunderland. Jun. 26

Earl Darnell. Penarth. Jun. 26

Blackwall. Penarth. Jun. 27

Roth. Liverpool. Feb. 3

Clyde. Sunderland. Feb. 4

Fury. Shields. Feb. 6

Alexandria. Penarth. Feb. 6

Bearnes. Penarth. Feb. 6

Wm. Nixon. London. Feb. 13

Plato. Sunderland. Feb. 13

Caravel. Liverpool. Feb. 14

Saw Mw. Cardiff. Feb. 17

Plato. Sunderland. Feb. 20

Warden Law. Sunderland. Feb. 20

Minden Queen. London. Feb. 21

Western Chief. London. Feb. 21

Dunelm. Liverpool. Feb. 23

Elias. Liverpool. Feb. 23

Benedictor. New York. Feb. 23

Everhard. Cardiff. Feb. 24

Empress. London. Feb. 26

Alabama. Penarth. Feb. 26

Guinevere. London. Feb. 1

Tyndale. Penarth. Feb. 2

Helen. Sunderland. Feb. 5

Arches. Glasgow. Feb. 6

Cymbeline. Cardiff. Feb. 6

Conqueror. Cardiff. Feb. 6

Loebri. Liverpool. Feb. 6

Prudie. Shields. Feb. 6

Channel Light. Cardiff. Feb. 7

Jane Street. Penarth. Feb. 7

Irvine. London. Feb. 10

Laura & Gertrude. Penarth. Feb. 12

Neutan. Boston. Feb. 13

Sarah Watson. Sunderland. Feb. 14

Florence. Cardiff. Feb. 15

Katydid. Liverpool. Feb. 16

Saltire. Sunderland. Feb. 18

Stag. Hamburg. Feb. 18

J. D. Robertson. Cardiff. Feb. 20

Malvern. London. Feb. 21

Precious. Penarth. Feb. 21

Yokohama. Cardiff. Feb. 22

Elise. Cardiff. Feb. 23

Midnight. Sunderland. Feb. 23

D. M. Park. Sunderland. Feb. 23

Londesborough. Penarth. Feb. 23

Johnnie. Cardiff. Feb. 23

Perth. Penarth. Feb. 27

Zodiac. Sunderland. Feb. 28

Booko. Sunderland. Feb. 28

Tarquin. Cardiff. Feb. 30

Scotland. Greenwich. Feb. 30

Haddington. London. Apr. 2

Europe. Sunderland. Apr. 3

Canopus. Penarth. Apr. 3

Orpheus. New York. Apr. 3

Peter. Liverpool. Apr. 4

R. D. Carlton. Penarth. Apr. 5

Charger. Liverpool. Apr. 5

Bonaire. London. Apr. 5

Horatio. New York. Apr. 5

Veronica. London. Apr. 5

Iwalo. Cardiff. Apr. 5

Louise. Swansea. Apr. 5

James Vansicouer. Sunderland. Apr. 11

Fogino. Cardiff. Apr. 12

Sir Harry Parker. London. Apr. 19

Empress. Cardiff. Apr. 21

Roma (s). London. Apr. 21

Day's Oak. Penarth. Apr. 22

Sophia. Penarth. Apr. 22

Asia Argente. Newcastle. Apr. 22

Monte Rosa. Newport. Apr. 25

Her Majesty. London. Apr. 25

Whitehall. Cardiff. Apr. 25

Avens. Cardiff. Apr. 25

J. Christian. Hamburg. Apr. 25

Custodian. London. Apr. 27

Gloria. Penarth. Apr. 28

Corso. London. Apr. 29

Early Moon. New York. May 1

Longfellow (s). London. May 2

Sergeon (s). Liverpool. May 3

Jonge Corneille. Shields. May 3

City of Exeter (s). Cardiff. May 10

Queen of the Seas. Penanth. May 11

Dorothy. Cuxhaven. May 13

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BIRTH.

On the 25th instant, the wife of A. MCG.

HEATON, Esq., of a daughter.

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The delivery of the Daily Press from this office commenced on Monday morning at 10.15, and the last messenger left the office at 10.35.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 25TH, 1872.

We alluded briefly in yesterday's issue to the circumstances connected with a petition to the Governor of Macao, with reference to the farm of the Wai Sing lottery at that place. The petition, which was given at length, sets forth the main particulars connected with the contract, which were apparently as follows. Last year the Government entered into a formal contract with two Chinamen for the grant of the lottery for the term of three years, for the sum of \$6,000, and two instalments of the first year's licence money were paid to the Government; but notwithstanding this, the Government now desire to carry out the contract, on the ground that the farm ought to have been put up to auction, and the unfortunate men to whom it has been granted are forced to suffer a heavy loss, as it is only after two years that the lottery will meet expenses, and after three that it will yield a profit.

The ground upon which a refusal has been made to carry out the contract certainly appears to us the most extraordinary that has ever been brought forward. We have no acquaintance with Portuguese law, and therefore, cannot speak positively as to its bearing; but we presume the broad equitable principle that nobody can avail himself of his own wrong, is one which in one form or another must permeate every system of law, which is designed to be a means of administering justice. But we find the Portuguese Government setting a contract in the wrong way, though still according to all the formalities of law, so far as outside persons can understand, and after the unlucky Chinaman had agreed to the bargain, they come forward and say: "We have been guilty of an irregularity, and therefore you must suffer," a certainly novel and most convenient way of fulfilling an obligation.

The question naturally arises what is the object with which the Government of Macao have thought fit to retire from their bargain; and the natural conclusion of course is that they expect to get more by putting the farm up to auction than they have received already, and it becomes also a rather interesting question how they know this in advance. Of course a desire for regularity may be taken as an explanation; but such a desire seems somewhat strange in face of their not seeing any irregularity in failing to carry out the original contract made with the Chinaman. The view that is likely to be taken outside is not very creditable to those who are concerned in the affair. It will among other things be undoubtedly concluded that a bargain, however simple and straightforward, which is made with the Portuguese Government, cannot be relied upon, and that such a bargain will be repudiated the moment it becomes the interest of the Government to do so. It is probable that the present Governor, who is new to the Colony, has not accurately seized the true bearing of the case, and has taken his views of it from subordinate officials, but still the fact, as it at present appears, places the Governor in a most unfavourable light, and unless the decision which seems to have been arrived at, is rescinded, it will be a subject of regret that almost the very commencement of his administration will be disgraced by an act which cannot but lower his country in the estimation of both Chinese and Europeans.

The public meeting, for some time spoken of with reference to the establishment of a middle class school, is to take place to-day, at 3 p.m. As already mentioned, H.E. the Governor will be present.

The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at Macao on Sunday. A procession passed through the streets with banners and other emblems held aloft, the Bishop being placed somewhere about the centre during the procession, and the rear being brought up by the Voluntaries of the National Guard, the band playing as we understand, comparsions within certain limits of age. The corps forms a good auxiliary to the Portuguese regular troops at Macao, as at all events a show of additional force, which is useful for many purposes amongst a Chinese population.

A home telegram will be ready for delivery to Subscribers at 2 p.m. to-day.

WE are informed that measures can now be adopted for Australia. They will be forwarded over the unfinished portion of the land line by horse express, which leaves to-morrow. No extra charge will be made for horse express over the unfinished portion.

Mr. Toller Bueno, the Portuguese Consul at Macao, a gentleman well-known in this Colony, has been placed in a charge of a committee appointed to murder the Englishmen in the event when they should be pushed overboard. The affair has created much sensation; but regarding judicial investigations, we refrain from further notice of it.

SUPREME COURT.—

June 24th.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
BEFORE THE HON. H. J. BAZZ.

Esq. Alexander Gair.

Mr. Toller applied for a claim by Captain Olrich, to be reduced to \$500, judgment in that sum having been awarded in the Summary Court. The application was admitted. Mr. Francis, who appeared for Capt. Olrich, having

stated that the charterer was

not to be liable for the damage caused by the plaintiff, he was discharged.

The case was then adjourned to 10 a.m. tomorrow (Wednesday).

COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON. T. O. HAYZELL.

PANG-CHING v. HODGEN.—In this case the plaintiff claimed the sum of \$25.00, for non-delivery of a bag of Bichela Mer, out of some 500 bags stripped on board the *Ezra* at Sydney for this port.

Mr. Wotton, who appeared for the defendant, admitted the short delivery, but stated that the answer to the plaintiff was that the Captain had been obliged to strip the bag overboard.

He gave several affidavits which calculated to interest him in the safety of the ship.

The plaintiff was referred to the Court by his Honor, as to whom it was to be carried.

His Honor said that he could give any evidence showing that the bag had not been discharged.

P.C. 28. Gair, identified the second defendant as a man having been in company with another who was ordered to find security in two securities, \$10 each, to appear for the next month; this was three weeks back.

Defendants were fined \$3 each.

CHINESE PROGRESS.

Soo-poo, a Chinese inebriate, was fined \$1, for being in a state of drunkenness, and challenging a whole street to fight him.

Three Chinese, named Soo-poo, Lo-kang, and He-chong, were discharged by P.C. Cronin, No. 22, with fighting in a camp.

On their being arrested the first charged the other two with attempting to kidnap him to Macao, but from the evidence it appears the first was attempting to kidnap the third, and was prevented by the second, who discovered the plot against his comanion, when they both set off to the first to beat him, and while doing so were all arrested.

Prifendant was sent to one month's hard labour, and a third was discharged.

ON SUSPENSION.

One Year-old, was charged by Golah Sing, No. 332, with the unlawful possession of a bag of asbestos in First Street, West Point.

Defendant could not account for the possession of the goods, and was fined \$1.

ON THE SAILORS AT WORK ON THE SOWEWAAN ROAD.

Two sailors at work on the Sowewaan Road were charged by P. C. MacDowell, No. 86, on suspicion of being concerned in the attack on Mr. Vibro, chief steward of the steamship *Glenaray*, on the Sowewaan-road.

Complainant said, although the attack was made by two, he was only one of them.

He was sent to the hospital, and was discharged.

There being no evidence against the defendant, he was discharged.

ON THE CHINESE IN SINGAPORE.

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Defendant could not account for the possession of the goods, and was fined \$1.

ON THE POLICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAI LI KA-SA."

To the Editor of *Pekofokam* on Saturday, and left there at a little before 11 p.m. for my residence on the Robinson Road. During my walk, upwards of three miles, I met several persons, and was told that the police had been sent to arrest me.

On my arrival at my residence, I found that the police had been sent to arrest me.

To the Editor of *Pekofokam*.—This is the case, which arose out of the proceeding, a claim against defendant as principal for the promissory note. The fact was admitted, and judgment given for plaintiff with costs.

Perezza v. MOSEN.—His Honor allowed with reference to the costs in this case, but he had considered Mr. Francis' application, but the case was one in which the costs should have been paid by the party who had brought the suit, and if his Honor would allow him this, he would produce authority. He called attention to the rule as to the admission of evidence as to custom in order to explain the terms in mercantile contracts, which had a meaning understood by merchants, but not by others.

His Honor agreed to take the evidence on the custom as to advances, but was stopped by Mr. Toller, who said he had heard of the same.

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THE SUPPLEMENTARY TREATY.
The Times correspondent telegraphs from Philadelphia, under date May 15th, as follows:

The London Supplementary Treaty is a draught framed by Lord Granville as what would be acceptable to England and with which American concurrence is asked. It is as follows:—

"Whereas the Government of France has communicated to your Excellency the terms of the United States that such claims as those for national losses stated in the Case presented on the part of the Government of the United States to the Tribunal of Arbitration at Geneva have been sustained by loss in the transfer of the American commercial marine to the British flag, enhancement of payments by the prolongation of war, and the addition of a large sum to the cost of the war, and the suppression of rebellion, were not made in the Treaty of Washington; and further, and secondly, should it be admitted in principle that such acts of aggression committed by the United States alleged to have been entitled to commit depredations on shipping of a belligerent by reason of such want of due diligence in performance of neutral obligations as that which is imputed by the United States to Great Britain; and whereas the President of the United States, while adhering to his contention that the said claims were included in the Treaty, adopts for the future the principle that the same will not be admitted as valid so far as declaring it will hereafter abide the conduct of the Government of the United States; and the two countries are, therefore, agreed in this respect." In consideration thereof the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, consents that he will make no claim on the part of the United States in respect of the indirect losses as aforesaid before the Tribunal of Arbitration at Geneva.

This draft was sent to the Senate with a message indicating the consideration of the proposed article submitted by England, and requesting an expression by the Senate of their disposition about the formal adoption of an Article such as is proposed by England. The President adds, that he desires the counsel of the Senate in advance of agreeing to the proposition.

The Foreign Committee has not yet reported.

A MATRIMONIAL FAIR.

There were two bears on matrimony, but have not found a suitable partner, we offer urgent advice. Let them pack up all their property and start immediately for the mountainous districts to the extreme east of Hungary. They will find that at this season of the year a fair is held of marriageable young men and women. From all quarters long trains of chariots wind their way to the plains of Kalocsa. They are laden with household furniture, and followed by the carts of the family. In the midst of these great crowds, a son of the earth, who has a family, has brought to seek a husband at the fair. She is dressed in her best, with brilliant skirt and varlet's petticoat. These caravans take up their position one after the other on one side of the plain, while on the other side a cavalcade of young men approach and deploy along the white line. The men—young Wallachians, for the most part—are dressed in their best gaudiness, and make what show of horsemanship they can. After both parties have taken up their respective positions, and begin to negotiate marriages for their children. The questions asked on these occasions are, we fear of a somewhat sordid character. "How many bullocks?" "How much money?" "Your daughter's furniture looks ready old—that chest of drawers does not shut properly. I must find something better than that for my son." Such would doubtless be a correct report of the conversation held in this primitive and pastoral Andros province, although the author of the original work is, however, carried out with a pomposity equal to its fraudulence. As soon as the parents are agreed, a priest, who is always ready at hand, is anointed. He chants a hymn and gives his benediction, the bride then kisses her parents, mounts the chariot, and starts for some unknown village with a husband whom she has never seen before, the furniture and cattle which her parents have allowed her as a marriage portion following in the rear. Thus every year many unions are formed, and the world is made better there is no need to confess a plain honest and absence of shame in this style of proceeding. One is apt to compare it with the deceptions and artifices employed in civilized society by those who, pretending to love, only seek to marry fortunes. —*Pall Mall Gazette.*

CLAIMS BY PARTNERS.

COURT OF CHANCERY, LONDON, INN, MAY 3, (Before the Lord Justice of Appeal.)

NARRAWAY v. BEATIE.

This was an appeal from a decision of Vice-Chancellor Malone. Mr. Bonham-Carter, for the appellants, and Mr. G. C. Moore, for the respondents, contended that the firm of B. F. Goss and Co., both firms stopped payment in August, 1866. On the 1st August, 1866, Goss executed a deed assigning his estate to trustees for the benefit of his creditors, and on the 22nd of August, 1866, Estynson executed a similar deed for the benefit of his creditors. This was followed by the trustee of the deed of the 22nd of August to take the accounts of the London firm, and to administer the estate thereof. The present question arose upon a suit brought by the firm of Goss's to recover against the estate of the London firm for sums of more than £34,000, due to the Bombay firm on the current account between the two firms. Goss was interested in the London firm to the extent of seven-eighths, and Estynson to the extent of one-eighth. By the admissions made in this case it appeared that the business of the two firms was distinct, but that they had large mercantile dealings together, and that the London firm acted as the correspondents of the firm of the Bombay firm. In respect of these dealings there was an account current between the two firms. Besides these dealings the London firm accepted bills drawn upon it by the Bombay firm under an arrangement that the Bombay firm should provide cash or produce to meet the same. The account of the bill transactions was kept by both firms distinct from the current account. At the time of the stoppage there was upon the current account between the firms a balance of more than £24,000 in favor of the Bombay firm, and at that time the London firm had a balance of £1,000 in favor of the Bombay firm, under an arrangement that the firm of the London firm accepted bills drawn upon it by the Bombay firm under an arrangement that the Bombay firm should provide cash or produce to meet the same. The account of the bill transactions was kept by both firms distinct from the current account. The London firm was of opinion that the firm of the London firm had not made any special provision either in cash or produce. The question was whether this claim to prove for the £2,400 was within the rule that a partner cannot prove against the estate of his own firm, so as to come into competition with his own creditors, or whether the case fell within the exception which has been made in the case of distinct trades. The Vice-Chancellor refused to admit the proof, and the claimants were unsuccessful.

Mr. Collier, Q.C., and Mr. Ekevich were for the appellants; Mr. Ghose, Q.C., and Mr. Macrae were for the respondents.

Lord Justice James was of opinion that the evidence was not strong enough to bring the case within the exception from the general rule. It was quite consistent with it having been part of the original partnership arrangement that the balance of the account should be allowed to remain with the London firm to meet its capital. The appeal must be dismissed with costs, without prejudice to a new application on fresh evidence.

Lord Justice Mellish concurred.—*Times.*

Heart and Home tells the following story:

In an Episcopal boarding-school, a few years since, the scholars and teachers were assembled for morning prayer. The reading and singing were over, and all were resting when the young ladies of the school, in their short and thin nature, misin, their chairs seated herself with a "thud" on the floor. No body smiled. All were too drowsy for that.

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Extracts.

Democracy in the Clouds.
(From "The Clerk of the Weather," in the "Cornhill Magazine.")

Now to understand the influence which the new weather-management exercised both over the upper and lower classes of society in Novelsand, it's to be mentioned that on the morning of the former Day the Frau Grafen von Nevelstadt was waiting for the dress with which she hoped to outdo all the other ladies in the Grand Stand, tickets of admission to which had kindly been placed at her disposal by the new Clerk of the Weather, the gentleman who knew nothing of astronomy and drew a large salary. It was seven o'clock, and the dress, which had been promised for the evening before, had not yet come. Half past seven, and no sign of the dress. At 7.45 Carl, the head footman, was despatched in a car to the dressmaker's, to say that whatever was the condition of the dress, it was to be brought immediately, with a great stress, and a stamp of the coat of arms of the "immediately." At 7.50 Conrad, the second footman, was sent off in a second cab, to say that Grafin begged and entreated that the dress might be finished in all haste, so that she might be in time for the Aurora Borealis. At eight if there had been a third cab; but there were only two, so the Gräfin paced about her room, wringing her pretty hands in despair, until—just as her watch pointed to 8.15—it was a great rattling down below, a cab drove up at the door, a flushed female stepped out, bearing aloft a cloud of silk, satin, and lace—there—a patterning of feet up the stairs, the Frau Grafen and the dressmaker entered together, and there lay the dress complete. The Gräfin, who, had she not said a few minutes before that the dress could not be ready for another hour, would have gone down on her knees to pray the sempstress not to delay beyond that time—thought good, now that the dress was before her in a state of perfection, to make the full weight of her displeasure felt by the dressmaker, which proves that in the Duchy of Nevelstadt, at least, a dressmaker can as well afford to be entirely late as only half so. However, the dress once on was found to be so surpassing and the dressmaker was really so subservient and repentant that the Gräfin, who had a good heart when things went well, gradually relented. She looked at herself in the glass, and saw that the fit was absolutely faultless. The dressmaker and the maid exclaimed in consternation that nothing so bewitching had ever been seen. She turned a little to see whether the dress sat as well on the shoulders, and the maid and dressmaker chorused that her ladyship would be the best attired countess in all Nevelstadt. This made her smile, and she was now pleased to notice that the dressmaker looked pale and fagged and sighed now and then plaintively. As she had long employed this dressmaker, who was a worthy person of what is by courtesy styled middle-age, her ladyship graciously asked what was the matter with her. "I am in great trouble, my lady," answered the dressmaker, kneeling to give a stitch to a small portion of trimming which did not sit quite smooth. "Oh dear me!" exclaimed the countess, turning pale; "is it that the dress doesn't fit well behind?" "Oh, the dress fits, my lady—it's something much worse than that." The countess wondered what could possibly be worse than a dress which didn't fit behind—but being reassured by the protestations of both maid and maidewoman, and having further reassured herself by causing the cheval-glass to be wheeled at right angles to that in the wardrobe panel, so that she could see with her own eyes, she recovered her equanimity, and recovered with interest to her former question. "I am in deep distress about my son, my lady," sighed the milliner, continuing to stitch—"a lad who had never given me a moment's uneasiness before, and was an angel in men's clothes, so to say." "I was not aware you had a son," replied the countess, taking from her maid's hands and placing on her own golden hair what looked like a well-assorted flower-basket, but was in reality a bonnet; "I thought you had only daughters, Frau Bundel." "Two daughters and a son, my lady, which makes three. And I know that there's nothing so troubling to a mother's heart as girls who are beginning to be smitten at by gentlemen who pass down the street; so much so, that I say to them, morning and evening, 'My daughters, the girl that smiles to gentlemen at eighteen will find nothing to smile at thirty-six.' Those sentiments do you honour, Frau Bundel," remarked the Gräfin, tying her bonnetstrings. "Thank you, my lady; but, though daughters, as I say, are a care to the heart, what is to become of a mother when her only son—brought to the best school, in hopes of his becoming a doctor and rolling his brougham among the upper classes—lakes to keeping company with good-for-nothing who wear no lines to speak of, and meet in low public-houses, to say that all men are equal?" Dear, how very dreadful! ejaculated the countess, flattening the bow of her bonnet with the palm of her hand, and watching the effect in the mirror. "So your son goes to public-houses, and you wanted to make a doctor of him, Frau Bundel?" "A doctor, my lady, or anything approaching," answered the modest, rising from her knees, and retreating to survey the dress as amended. "I think, my lady, if I was just to stick another point here to keep this puffing of satin flatter-puffs are not worn so full as last year, though one may say it's a matter of taste, for the Gräfin non Liliénblume wears hers very large, but then the Gräfin is a little taller than your ladyship." "Taller? Yes, indeed, Frau Bundel. I should have said a very Maypole." "Yes, my lady." "And so, very tall?" "Yes, my lady." "If we were not one of my best friends I should have called her the most absurdly dressed person in Nevelstadt." "Yes, my lady." "You must be quick with those stiches, Frau Bundel, for I could not be behind hand with the Aurora Borealis for all the world. Caroline, my gloves. I hope, Frau Bundel, your son will lend his ways. Drinking is, of all the vices, the worst for a young man to fall into. You must tell him that, and make him reform from this day—a great day, you know." "Ah, my lady, it's this day and the talk about it that has been the cause of all his wrong-going," moaned Frau Bundel, sewing at the puff. "But it's not from drinking, bless his heart! If it had been no worse than drinking, we might have had hopes of him—me, his sisters, and his father; but it's politics that's turning his head; and what he can find to excite him in such mischief is more than I know or can guess. Such a well-behaved boy, too, as he was when he was young, my lady! Every holiday he'd come home from school with his arms full of prizes, and he'd recite all the kings of Israel and Judah at sea, so that it was a pleasure to hear him. And it was the same when he got older, until he fell in with bad friends, and made the acquaintance of the Herr Feuerkopf, whom I should love to see hanged, though God forbid I should wish evil to any man." "Who is Herr Feuerkopf?" asked the countess, who, having been chiding herself in drawing on the right-hand glove of a ten-button pair, had scarcely caught more than a stray word or two. "I fancy I read his name in the newspaper—these gloves don't match well with the dress, find me a paler shade of slate, the palest." "Oh, Herr Feuerkopf, my lady, he's in the newspapers often," replied Frau Bundel, still mournfully busy with the puff; "and, certainly, your ladyship must have heard his name many a time, for, whenever

some English newspaper, she was rather surprised to find they wore 'Tory' papers, not having been previously advised that the newspapers supplied by the Foreign Office to the British legation abroad were either Whig or Tory, according to the party of the ministry of the day. A commercial treaty between the Zollverein and Belgium having just been concluded, I explained its provisions to Lord Palmerston, as he took much interest in the progress of the Zollverein, and indeed in most commercial questions. His presence in Berlin excited general curiosity, although it was not well understood that his journey was one of recreation only. He did not bring his uniform with him, and was obliged to ask the king's special permission to be presented in plain clothes—a very rare occurrence—the etiquette of the Prussian court requiring that all presentations to the king and queen, or to other members of the royal family, must be made either in uniform, or old-fashioned court dress. The latter costume is now rarely used, as almost every man who goes to court is entitled to wear either a civil or military uniform. Even "Experiences of a Diplomat," by John Ward, C.B.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRELL,
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Hongkong, 1st November, 1871. [438]

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